

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I should like to submit that the question hour is intended primarily to elicit information and that any comment on information may be prevented because it is not the proper occasion and Hon'ble Members may utilise some other occasion for making comments.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The point at issue is whether the Deputy Minister can answer on behalf of the Minister. Of course, the Deputy Minister can answer and so many Deputy Ministers have been answering. If Hon'ble Members feel that the answers given by the Deputy Minister are not satisfactory, they may pursue the matter subsequently. But to say that the Hon'ble Minister is not present and to infer something is not correct.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Was not the present Minister for Finance Sri Mariappa the Chairman of the Government Insurance Department for some time and were not these proposals started during that time and why are not these proposals given effect to now?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—I have already said there were constitutional difficulties before the Government. Therefore the question was shelved. Now again the question has been re-agitating the mind of the Government.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Will the Hon'ble Minister say what are the insuperable constitutional difficulties? It is merely obtaining the permission of the Government of India.

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—The details are not available with me here.

Nationalisation of General Insurance Business.

*Q.—82. **Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA** (Nanjangud).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are actively considering any proposals for nationalising General Insurance business;

(b) whether they are aware that the Kerala Government have

nationalised the 'Act portion' of the Motor Insurance business;

(c) whether they would consider the question of deputing some officer to Kerala State to obtain first hand information as to the state and content of nationalisation of motor insurance?

A.—Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN (Deputy Minister for Finance).—

(a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) Will be examined.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Has the Government seriously considered the question of nationalising this insurance business and have they obtained the details of what is the practice obtaining now in Kerala?

†**Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.**—An officer was deputed to Kerala and for some unavoidable reasons it has not been possible as yet to obtain the full information. The scheme is being examined.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Are the Government aware that they will derive at least Rs. 30-35 lakhs in the shape of premium income alone if they nationalise the motor insurance business?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—All these data have not been completely collected by now.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Are the Government aware of the number of motor cars that are running and are registered in Mysore State?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—We know the number of motor cars registered in the Mysore State.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—How many?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—Details are not available here now.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—If the Minister has not got sufficient information in respect of this matter, the question may be held over.

Mr. SPEAKER.—No.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Are the Government aware that if they nationalise the motor insurance business, both the actual consumers, I mean the owners of the motor cars and the Government, will stand to gain?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—That is one of the points to be urged in favour

of nationalisation, but there are other considerations as well.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—What are those other considerations? Are there vested interests that are preventing the Government from trying to nationalise motor insurance?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—It is in the Union List. The Government of India should enact a legislation permitting this Government to nationalise motor insurance.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is this a Central subject? It is only a State legislation that is called for.

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—Insurance is in the Union List item No 47.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is it for making State legislation that they should seek the permission of the Government of India, or is it that they cannot move in the direction of having general insurance or motor insurance?

Sri J. H. SHAMSUDDIN.—That is in the Union List; it is the Parliament that should enact.

Kannada Dailies, Weeklies and Monthlies in the State.

*Q.—91. Sri A. J. DODDAMETI (Ron).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of Kannada dailies, weeklies and monthlies in the State

(separate figures for each may be furnished);

(b) out of the above, the number of those which are members of 'Audit Bureau' together with figures of circulation of each paper;

(c) out of the member papers referred to in (b), the names of those to which Government advertisements were given in the year 1958-59 together with the amount paid for each such advertisement (separate figures may be furnished);

(d) the number of papers to which Government advertisement have been given although they are not members of 'Audit Bureau' together with the names of such papers and the amount paid in respect of each advertisement (separate figures may be furnished)?

A.—Sri B. BASAVALINGAPPA (Deputy Minister for Home).—

(a) Number of Kannada papers published in the State:

(i) Dailies	...	25
(ii) Weeklies	...	96
(iii) Monthlies	...	35

(b) and (c) Out of the above, the following are members of the Audit Bureau of Circulation Ltd., and the amount paid towards advertisement charges during 1958-59. Their circulation figures are noted against each:—

Sl. No.	Publication	Circulation	Amount Paid
			Rs. nP.
1	Janavani, Bangalore ...	11,080	4,810 00
2	Navabharat, Mangalore ...	10,756	4,820 85
3	Prajavani, Bangalore ...	26,894	24,659 00
4	Samyukta Karnataka, Hubli ...	22,371	23,755 00
5	Tainadu, Bangalore ...	15,899	10,695 00
6	Prajamata, Bangalore...	25,307	675 00
7	Prapancha, Hubli ...	15,644	1,772 00
8	Kasturi, Hubli ...	8,172	...
9	Naguvananda, Bangalore ...	5,480	140 00

(d) A list of Kannada papers (dailies, weeklies and monthlies) which are not members of 'Audit Bureau' to which Government advertisements were given during 1958-59 and the

amount paid to each of them, is placed on the Table of the House (placed in Legislature Library—vide No. 4/L.A./ July-August Session 1959).